

## **Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format When Using Categorical Exclusions Not Established by Statute**

### **A. Background**

BLM Office: Rock Springs Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No.: WYW130346

CX Number: DOI-BLM-WY-D040-2016-0146-CX

Right-of-Way Applicant/Holder: QEPM Gathering I, LLC

Proposed Action Title/Type: Amendment – Install a condenser and combustor, and approximately 20 feet of four (4) inch surface pipe contained in the existing right-of-way.

Location of Proposed Action: T. 27 N., R. 113 W., sec. 24: NW¼NE¼, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Sublette County, Wyoming

Description of Proposed Action: Amendment – Install a condenser and combustor, and approximately 20 feet of four (4) inch surface pipe contained in the existing right-of-way.

### **B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

Land Use Plan Name (LUP): Land Use Plan Name (LUP): Green River Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (GRRMP/ROD) and Pinedale Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (PRMP/ROD), as amended by the Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments for the Rocky Mountain Region, Including the Greater Sage-Grouse Sub-Regions of Lewistown, North Dakota, Northwest Colorado, and Wyoming.  
Date Approved/Amended: August 8, 1997, November 26, 2008 / September 21, 2015

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): Page 9 of the GRRMP/ROD

*“ The objectives for the management of the land and realty program are to: 1) manage the public lands to support the goals and objectives of other resource programs; 2) respond to public demand for land use authorizations; and 3) acquire administrative and public access where necessary. ”*

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): Page 2-15 of the (PRMP/ROD)

*“ The objective for the management of the land and realty program are to: Process ROW applications in a timely manner, applying appropriate mitigation to protect resource values. ”*

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): N/A

### **C. Compliance with NEPA**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, E13

*"Amendments to existing rights-of-way such as the upgrading of existing facilities which entail no additional disturbances outside the right-of-way boundary."*

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply.

#### **D. Stipulations**

Construction activity and surface disturbance will be prohibited during the period from November 15 through April 30 for the protection of big game (mule deer) crucial winter habitat. Any exception to this requirement must have prior written approval from the authorized officer.

Construction activity and surface disturbance will be prohibited during the period from February 1 through July 31 within a one (1) mile radius of ferruginous hawk nesting habitat and within 0.5 miles of all other raptor nesting habitat. Any exception to this requirement must have prior written approval from the authorized officer.

Permanent structures will not be constructed within 825 feet of active raptor nests, except for ferruginous hawks which have a buffer of 1,000 feet, and 2,600 feet for bald eagles.

#### **E. Preparer/s**

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